

Highlights for 7/21/2016

- EPA's refrigeration contractor began removal of the liquid ammonia from the refrigeration system
- EPA, VFD, VPD and VDOH instituted the evacuation and road closures beginning at 0800. Today is the last day of evacuations and road closures.
 - 35 people were at the shelter today
 - 3 dogs and 1 cat were boarded at the shelter location in the boarding trailer
- 7 families (36 people) remain relocated. The resident's hotel reservations are current through tomorrow afternoon after which time they will return home.

Objectives for 7/21/2016

- Continue removing ammonia from refrigeration system
- Continue to inform the public of ongoing activities
- Continue coordinating efforts with all interested parties
- Continue air monitoring
- Continue receiving IMACC air modeling support

THE NEXT UC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SITE AT 0900, FRIDAY 7/22/2016

Sitrep for 7/21/16 activities:

EPA's refrigeration contractor was on site this morning and began removing the liquid ammonia from the refrigeration system. The liquid ammonia was transferred to a pressurized truck for transportation off site. Approximately 5000 lbs. of ammonia was removed. It is estimated that approximately 250 pounds of anhydrous ammonia may currently remain in the system. The remaining amount will be gathered in the high pressure system as liquid over the next three days, at which time the amount remaining will be able to be determined. On Monday, based on the amount of ammonia collected in the high pressure receiver, the remaining ammonia will be either evacuated to the scrubber unit or to the pressurized truck. The EPA refrigeration contractor will remain on site Friday, Saturday and Sunday to monitor the system.

EPA will continue 24 hour air monitoring operations until all ammonia is removed from the facility.

A sample of the brine water will be collected tomorrow and sent out for analysis to determine the appropriate method of disposal.

The mandatory evacuation of residences within a 500 foot radius of the site was enacted this morning. The majority of the ammonia was removed from the facility today reducing the threat of impact to the residents, thus the evacuation will end at 1700 today and no longer be required.

The Wallace School on Mill Road in Vineland served as the shelter location for the residents within the mandatory evacuation zone (500 ft. of facility). EPA PAD assisted VFD, VPD and VDOH with transportation of residents to the shelter. The Salvation Army provided lunch and snacks.

PAD received and responded to one media inquiry from The Grapevine. PAD emailed an update to the media list for this response and to government officials.

PAD notified the relocated residents they will be able to return their homes tomorrow.